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SUBJECT: LOS: REQUEST FOR MINERAL DATA

REF: A) STATE 148245 B) STATE A-2195

1. FOLLOWING IS REQUESTED MINERAL DATA FOR LOS PREPARATIONS:
1.1.OIL PRODUCTION 1972: 1,667,632,049 BARRELS ONSHORE AND
171,391,972 BARRELS OFFSHORE. GAS PRODUCTION 1972: 1,344,201,120,000
CUBIC FEET ONSHORE AND 125,528,495,000 CUBIC FEET OFFSHORE. GAS
UTILIZED 1972: 606,822,100,000 CUBIC FEET FROM ONSHORE PRODUCTION;
22,823,274,000 CUBIC FEET FROM OFFSHORE PRODUCTION. (SOURCE: IRAN
OIL JOURNAL, APRIL 1973.).

2. CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF OIL THROUGH 1972: 15,374,962,447
BARRELS ONSHORE (BEGUN 1911) AND 695,798,561 BARRELS OFFSHORE
(BEGUN 1963?). CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION OF GAS THROUGH 1972: N.A.

3. PROVED RECOVERABLE RESERVES OF OIL: ABOUT 60 BILLION BARRELS
ONSHORE; ABOUT 5 BILLION BARRELS OFFSHORE. PROBABLE REDTSES
65-70 BILLION BARRELS ONSHORE AND 8-10 BILLION BARRELS OFFSHORE.
PROVED RECOVERABLE RESERVES OF GAS: N.A. THESE FIGURES SUBJECT TO
CHANGE THIS BALL WHEN CONSULTANT'S STUDIES OF RESERVES, NOW IN
PROGRESS, ARE COMPLETED. AT THAT TIME THE FIGURES ARE EXPECTED
TO BE REVISED UPWARD.

4. ESTIMATED TOTALLRECOOERABLE RESTTES: NA

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5. TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS COMPLETED IN 1972:

EXPLORATION COLLS INLAND OFFSHORE TOTAL

OIL	2	4	6
GAS	DS -	-	-
SUSPENDED	3	1	4
ABANDONED	5	3	8
OTHERS	-	-	-
TOTAL	10	8	18

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

OIL	33	6	39
GAS	1	-	1
SUSPENDED	-	-	-
ABANDONED	1	-	1
OTHERS	-	-	-
TOTAL	35	6	41

6. TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS PRODUCING AS OF 12/31/72:

OFFSHORE	92	OIL AND GAS WELLS
ONSHORE	22	OIL AND GAS WELLS
TOTAL	313	OIL AND GAS WELLS

7. THERE ARE SEVEN JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENTS (50-50 BETWEEN FOREIGN PARTNERS AND NIOC) AND TWO SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS WHICH INCLUDE OFFSHORE AREAS. NONE OF AREAS IS BEYOND 200 METER WATER DEPTH.

8. AMOUNT SPENT ON EXPLORATION AND EXPLITATION: NA AT THIS TIME.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO CONTINUE
ATTEMPTING TO GET THIS DATA,
PLEASE BE MORE SPECIFIC: DO YOU MEAN ALL INVESTMENT AND OPERATING
EXPENDITURES? THIS DATA MORE EASILY OBTAINABLE FROM PARENT FIRMS
IN U.S.

9. 1972 EXPORTS

CRUDE OIL	1,646,783,273 BARRELS
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REFINED PRODUCTS	108,959,472 BARRELS
GAS	289,474,000,000 CU. FT.

10. II. MARINE PLACER DEPOSITS: NONE WORKED, NONE KNOWN.
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